

Form **990EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

► Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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2020

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020, and ending 12-31-2020

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
RARE CONNECTION ASSOCIATION

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
9109 WATSON RD SUITE 400

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ST LOUIS, MO 63126

D Employer identification number
52-1851847

E Telephone number
(314) 222-6041

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ►

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ☒ N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(7) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☒ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 81,000

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)			
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒			
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	44,980
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	33,750
	3	Membership dues and assessments	
	4	Investment income	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	
Expenses	6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	
	6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	2,270
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	81,000
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	
Net Assets	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	36,706
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	2,117
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	38,823
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	42,177
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	30,531
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	72,708

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II

Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	30,936	22	73,860
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	30,936	25	73,860
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	405	26	1,152
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	30,531	27	72,708

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
PURPOSE: PROMOTE AWARENESS WITHIN THE RESTAURANT AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES OF THE EXISTANCE OF A SEPARATE AND SPECIALIZED AREA OF EAL ESTATE BROKERAGE AND CONSULTING FOR ALL PHASES OF THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY.

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

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See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

28a

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29a

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31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

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31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

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Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
ALLEN JOFFEE	1.00	0		
PRESIDENT				
PENELOPE CHEROFF	1.00	0		
DIRECTOR				
JOHN LIVANDITIS	1.00	0		
DIRECTOR				
LISA BUTLER	1.00	0		
DIRECTOR				
KYLE LENZEN	1.00	0		
DIRECTOR				
MATT GOODLIN	1.00	0		
DIRECTOR				

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	No
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions.	34	No
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	No
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	No
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	No
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	No
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	44,980
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	33,750
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>ALLEN JOFFEE</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(314) 222-6041</u>		
Located at ▶ <u>9109 WATSON ROAD 4TH FL SAINT LOUIS , MO</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>63126</u>		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	No
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?	42c	No
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	No
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	No

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.	46	No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only
All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47- 49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ►

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ►

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer	2021-04-20 Date			
	ALLEN JOFFEE PRESIDENT Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name JOSEPH T ECKELKAMP	Preparer's signature	Date 2021-04-20	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00241898
	Firm's name ► THE E & A CFO GROUP			Firm's EIN ► 43-1754340	
	Firm's address ► 9109 WATSON RD STE 300A SAINT LOUIS, MO 63126			Phone no. (314) 849-7555	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 52-1851847
Name: RARE CONNECTION ASSOCIATION

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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29 SEE ACCOMPLISHMENT NUMBER 1 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐	29a

TY 2020 Compensation Explanation**Name:** RARE CONNECTION ASSOCIATION**EIN:** 52-1851847

Person Name	Explanation
ALLEN JOFFEE	
PENELOPE CHEROFF	
JOHN LIVANDITIS	
LISA BUTLER	
KYLE LENZEN	
MATT GOODLIN	

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

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Name of the organization
RARE CONNECTION ASSOCIATION

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Employer identification number

52-1851847

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	2,270 TOTAL 2,270

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES 438 579 INSURANCE 1,100 TOTAL 2,117

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EXHIBIT FF&E 0 100,501 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 0 100,501 TOTAL 0 0

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 405 0 UNSECURED NOTES AND LOANS PAYABLE 0 1,152

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART III	PURPOSE: PROMOTE AWARENESS WITHIN THE RESTAURANT AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES OF THE EXISTANC E OF A SEPARATE AND SPECIALIZED AREA OF EAL ESTATE BROKERAGE AND CONSULTING FOR ALL PHASES OF THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY.

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FORM 990- EZ, PART III, LINE 31	SEE ACCOMPLISHMENT NUMBER 1